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For : INFORMATION STORAGE DEVICE HAVING A DIVIDED AREA IN
MEMORY AREA

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of December 4, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 4, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection set forth in the Final Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.